

sorts of flowers. Now and then it would rest on the ground when clouds come over. It may be on the wing from September to November.

I have much pleasure in naming this beautiful coppery brown blue for my friend the late Arthur James who during his term of office as secretary of Clovelly Country Club, Kalk-bay, Cape Town, showed a warm interest in my activities—writing my book, *Butterflies of South Africa*. His friendly attitude was an inestimable stimulus spurring me on towards my goal.

## New Forest Mercury Vapour Light Records for 1970

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In spite of abnormally high numbers in May, and more particularly in June, the yearly total of specimens coming to the trap at Minstead was below average.

	Nights	Total	Average
March	16	208	13
April	27	2493	92
May	25	1900	76
June	30	10294	343
July	30	6274	209
August	31	7462	242
September	30	2163	72
October	13	451	35
November	11	349	32

There were four additions to the Minstead list.

*Oria musculosa* Hübn. Unexpected in the Forest as there is no arable land nearby. The specimen, a male, was in mint condition.

*Procus versicolor* Borkh.

*Lampropteryx otregiata* Metc. (This is, of course, fairly common in parts of the Forest.)

*Perizoma albulata* Schiff.

*Lobophora halterata* Hufn. was taken in 1963 but was overlooked in submitting my annual lists.

During the year, several doubtful identifications have been checked, with the result that the following should be added to the list—

*Eupithecia millefoliata* Rossl.

*E. intricata* (ssp. *arcuethata*) Zett.

*E. indigata* Hübn.

*E. sobrinata* Hübn.

and the following should be deleted—

*Euphyia picata* Hübn.

*Eupithecia tenuiata* Hübn.

*E. valerianata* Hübn.

*E. satyrata* Hübn.

The following captures are worthy of note—*Nola albula* Hübn. (2), *Anaplectoides prasina* Fab. (2), *Pyrrhia umbra* Hufn., *Orthosia advena* Schiff., *Leucania obsoleta* Hübn. *Eremobia ochroleuca* Schiff. (2), *Procus literosa* Haw., *Celaena leucostigma* Hübn., *Moma alpium* Osbeck., *Perizoma flavofasciata* Thunb., *Asthena albulata* Hufn.

*Lithophane leautieri* Boisd. Five specimens, all male, were taken on 1.x., 4.x. (2), 10.x. and 3.xi. In 1969, a single specimen was taken and assumed to be a casual visitor, but the sudden increase this year suggests that a colony has been set up here.

Two remarkable late records (*Diacrisia sannio* L., 4.ix. and *Leucania comma*, 25.ix.) suggest the possibility of second broods. Both species normally occur in June and July. *D. sannio* is said to have two broods abroad (South).

MIGRANTS. 1970 was a poor migrant year.

*Lithosia quadra* L. (20), *Agrotis ipsilon* Rott. (237), *Peridroma porphyrea* Schiff. (6), *Laphygma exigua* Hübn. (1), *Plusia gamma* L. (112), *Rhodometra sacraria* L. (1), *Nycterosea obstipata* Fab. (2), *Nomophila noctuella* Schiff. (309), *Plutella maculipennis* Curt. (15).

#### POLYMORPHISM

<i>Biston betularia</i> L.		<i>Sterrhya arversata</i> L.	
typical	66 (88%)	remutata	74 (75%)
carbonaria	7 (9%)	aversata	25 (25%)
insularia	2 (3%)		

*Biston strataria* Hufn. Typical 134, melanic 1 (previously reported *Ent. Rec.*, 82: 215).

*Eilema deplana* Esp. Typical 2, unicolor 2.

*E. griseola* Hübn. Typical 15, flava 4.

*Agrotis exclamationis* L. Typical 5867, melanic 1.

*Apamea crenata* Hufn. Typical 10, alopecurus 1.

*Lomaspilis marginata* L. Typical 138, pollutaria 1.

*Semiothisa liturata* Clerck. Typical 37, nigrofulvata 1.

*Alcis repandata* L. Typical 51, conversaria 3.

Sungate, Football Green, Minstead, Lyndhurst, Hants.

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CORRIGENDA.—It has been brought to my notice by Messrs Bretherton, Warren and de Worms that my record of *Erebia eriphyle* Freyer on the Simplon would be improbable (*Ent. Record*, 82: 285-292). Unfortunately, the species which I identified as *eriphyle* was, in fact, *melampus* Fuessl. The record of *Leptidea duponcheli* Staudinger from the Col du Tende should be corrected to *sinapis* L., and we did not take *Colias hyale* L. at Ivrea as stated. To the list, however, should be added *Hipparchia alcyone* Schiff. which we found at Bolzano, Sospel, St. Valier, Grasse, Mt. Ventoux and Digne, fagi Scop. being taken at Ivrea, St. Valier, Fountain de Vaucluse, Ventoux and Digne.—GEORGE THOMSON, 98 George Street, Dunblane, Perthshire.